

Gulf War Veterans Illnesses Investigative Team, Suite 810, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3881, or to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1200.

#### CONTESTING RECORDS PROCEDURES:

The OSD's rules for accessing records, for contesting contents and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311; or may be obtained from the system manager.

#### RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information is from the individuals themselves, witnesses to a possible agent event, health care providers who have evaluated patients with illnesses possibly related to service in the Persian Gulf, as well as extracts from historical records to include: personnel files and lists, unit histories, medical records, and related sources.

#### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

#### Environmental Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), this notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 1997, to 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Army/Navy Drive, Arlington, (Pentagon City), Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Paul Rubenstein, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, DC 20314-1000, (202) 761-1257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The theme of the subject meeting on "Non-Indigenous Species and Our Nation's Waterbodies" follows:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plays a vital role in protecting America's waters from non-native predators,

parasites, pathogens and competitors. The 55th Meeting of the Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) will offer participants with an important opportunity to examine and analyze Corps research programs designed to identify, access and manage non-indigenous species that interfere with the valued uses of our Nation's waterbodies.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Director, Information Resources Management Group, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 10, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Information Resources Management Group publishes this notice containing proposed information collection

requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department, (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate, (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

**Gloria Parker,**

*Director, Information Resources Management Group.*

### Office of Educational Research and Improvement

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Public Libraries Survey, FY 1996-FY 1998.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting Burden and Recordkeeping:* Responses: 57.

Burden Hours: 1,710.

*Abstract:* The Public Libraries survey has been conducted annually since it first collected FY 1990 data. The Data collection provides a national census of public libraries and their public library service outlets. It includes descriptive data for each state and for each individual public library. The data are collected entirely electronically and the survey is designed and coordinated by a federal/state cooperative system. Data collected allow analysis of such important variables as expenditures, staffing, size of collection and services comparing among libraries of similar size (as measured by population of legal service area). This information is used for policy decisions in the areas of legislation, funding and resource allocation. With this complete file of administrative entities, it is possible to